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WEEK.	1 MONTH.	3 MONTHS.	6 MONTHS.	1 YEAR.
1 inch,	2.00	5.00	10.00	18.00
2 "	3.60	6.75	14.50	26.00
3 "	4.75	8.50	18.00	32.00
4 "	6.00	10.25	22.00	40.00
5 "	7.25	11.00	24.00	45.00
quarter col.	10.00	15.00	30.00	55.00
one-third col.	13.00	20.00	30.00	65.00
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				250.00

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A MARRIAGE CONSIDERATION.—In 1858, John E. Neale, of the District of Columbia, to encourage and promote the marriage of his son, Benjamin J. Neale, as now alleged by that son and his wife, "promised and agreed that if the same should be consummated, he would, in consideration thereof, give and convey one or a part of one of his city lots to the son and daughter-in-law, or to one of them in fee simple, to the end that with money then belonging to, or expected to belong to the daughter-in-law, they might erect thereon a dwelling house, for their habitation and home." The complainants also allege that, relying on this promise, and partly in consideration thereof, they intermarried in September of that year, and in part performance of his promise, the father put them in possession of a part of lot, and that at an expense of about \$4,000 of the money belonging to the daughter-in-law, they had erected a dwelling house thereon. The bill filed sets forth the foregoing facts, and prays that Neale, senior, may be compelled to a specific performance of his agreement to convey the property.

The answer of the defendant stated, that aware of the intemperate habits of his son, and wishing to secure to his daughter in law and her children, money then in the hands of her guardian, and satisfied that if it passed into the hands of his son, and was invested in his business, (in which he subsequently failed,) it would be placed in jeopardy, he agreed that a dwelling house might be erected on the premises, provided the son would abandon his marital right to it, to which the son agreed, but subsequently violated his agreement by reducing the money to possession and investing it in his business.

On the trial it appeared that the money of the wife, used in the construction of the house, had passed through the hands of the husband, and it was therefore contended by the defendant that the son having reduced the money to possession, it was his money, and that the money built the house. On the other side it was urged that the husband acted only as the agent of the wife, and that, in equity, the money belonged to the wife, although, in point of fact, the husband received it from her guardian. And it was urged that, inasmuch as it was agreed on all hands before the marriage, that the wife's money was to build the house, which, when built, was to be her separate property, free from interest or control of her husband, and that understanding having been carried out, the defendant should be directed to convey the lot on which it was erected.

The defendant submitted that this being a case of parol contract concerning lands, its specific performance should be refused, because the terms of the agreement are too uncertain to be definitely determined; and that if the bill is sustained, the judgment should be compensation in damages instead of specific performance.

The trial resulted in favor of the complainant, and the case is now argued on the appeal of the defendant before the Supreme Court of the U. S.—Washington Republican.

THE WHALING BUSINESS IN 1869.—The whaling business of the year just closed (says the New Bedford Mercury) cannot be regarded as a success, although the catch has been an average one, as the net results in regard to the prices secured for our staples have hardly realized the expectations formed in the early part of the year. The general depression in business throughout the country, and the fall in the price of gold during the last half of the year, caused a lessened demand both at home and abroad, accumulating stocks and reducing the prices, sperm oil weakening as the stock is increased, and whale oil receding on the news of a good catch by the Arctic fleet.

In the right whale fishery the Arctic fleet, numbering forty four vessels, made a very successful catch late in the season, but the Ochotsk fleet, only six vessels, did very poorly, while only one vessel was on the northwest coast, and was unsuccessful.

The good success in the Arctic ocean, however, carried the average catch of the North Pacific fleet up to a higher figure than for any previous season since 1853. Of the fifty one vessels that went north, only one was lost. A new feature of the Arctic fishery the past season was a large catch of walrus oil. Owing to the scarcity of whales early in the season the whalers turned their attention to the walrus, and a large quantity of their oil was secured, which will account for the proportionate less amount of whalebone secured by the ships.

BOOTS & SHOES.

NOTICE.
A large stock of Boys' and Youth's
FINE AND HEAVY BOOTS,
of superior quality, which will be sold at great
reduced prices. All in want will do well
to call at No. 74 King street.

W. B. WADDEY.

HARDWARE, CUTLERY AND HOUSE-
KEEPERS' GOODS.

At 88 King street, Alexandria, Va.

We have on hand a very large stock of the above goods, which were purchased at the lowest cost direct from the manufacturers or their agents. Wishing to reduce the stock prior to making our spring purchases, we will sell at wholesale or retail at a small advance.

Call and see.

JOHN T. CRIGHTON & SON

MACHINISTS.

W. S. MOORE,
MACHINIST AND BLACKSMITH,
At No. 65 Union street,
Alexandria, Va.
Where he is prepared to furnish all kinds of
MACHINERY, WROUGHT and CAST
IRON FENCES, &c.
Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices
that were charged previous to the war.

HIRAM A. WOOD,
WOOD & PRICE.

MACHINISTS.

Having rented the shop recently occupied by
W. S. Moore, are prepared to do all work in
his line, with neatness and dispatch.

STEAM ENGINES built to order, and re-
pair work of all kinds promptly attended to.

We respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.

WOOD & PRICE,
Corner of Royal and Wilkes sts.,
Alexandria, Va.

GROCERIES.

Having just returned from the North, where
I, with great care, have selected a very choice
lot, with great economy, consisting of every article
in the grocery line. I would invite a call
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